THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) In view of the difficult financial problems of the State, the Centre has allowed in October, 1994 additional special plan assistance of Rs. 773 crores to the Government of Jamrmi & Kashmir to meet the resource gap for the year 1994-95. Ministry of Finance has started releasing the amount of Rs. 773 crores of sjiecia' assistance after making recovery of Rs. 668 40 crores due from the State Government towards loan repayment and interest payment to the Ministry of Finance. Approved plan outlay of Jammu & Kashmir for the year 1994-95 is Rs. 950 crores.

(c) and (d) There have been reports from time to time of alleged misuse of funds meant for development activities in the State. There 's no proposal under consideraton of the Government for appointing any committee to conduct an across-the board inquiry into the allegation;. Whenever specific complaints are received, appropriate inquiries are conducted, including inquiries by the Vigilance Department. The State Government have been advised to forth* r strengthen and intensify activities of the Vi; 1-lance Department. Government of India *hi* s also conveyed its concern to the State Government that proper utilisation of funds should be ensured through close monitoring and supervison of works and enhanced accotin - ability.

Depicting Jamm and Kashmir as Part of Pakistan

2592. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmir is depicted in the World Map aspartofPakistai.; if so, what action has been taken in this behal ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Education Master of Kerala State published "Islamic Vishwa Vijnanakosara" (Islamic Encyclo-paedia) which reportedly contains server il objectionable entries like a World Map depici *I.* ing Kashmir as part of Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what are the details of action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI : In the j World Map printed in the Islamic Encyclopaedia in Malayalam (Islam Vignhana Kosham), Jammu & Kashmir has been shown as a region where Muslims are in majority comprising over 50% of the population. The present Education Minister of Kerala is understood to be a member of the Advisory Board under whose guidance the Islamic Encyclopaedia was prepared. The Central Government has written to the State Government of Kerala pointing out several objectionable observations made in the Encyclopaedia and asked them to take appropriate action under law.

Visit of Foreign Teams to Jammu and Kashmir

2591 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to stale :

(a) how many foreign teams/official dele gations/observers of United Nations visited Janmu and Kashmir State during 1994 till date, and held discussions with State Govern ment officials, All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC), Jammu and Kashmir Liberation | Front(JKLF), migrants, etc.;

(b) what was the outcome of their discussions and whether such foreign teams conveyed their observations/feelings to Government of India in order to find some practical solutions to Kashmir crisis by bringing the two countries together to the negotiating table; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take or have taken so far to check increasing Pakistan's direct involvement in the secessionist war in Kashmir and raising Kashmir Issue in almost every International Forums/Conferen-ces ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Accord-ing to information made available by the State Government, around 103 foreigners, including diplomats, parliamentarians, representatives of Human Rights and Humanitarian Groups, etc., visited the State during 1994 (till 30th November), and interacted with Government officials, representative of various political and other groups and individuals, and persons who have migrated from the Kashmir Valley;

(b) and (c) Such visitors do not give any reports to the Government. However, it is felt that they have been able to get a better understanding of the real sit uation in the State, which has also helped to expose the dis-m-formation and propaganda compaign conducted by Pakistan and other vested interests, in an attempt to internationalise the issue and promote violence and secessionist activities on ihe ground. Apart from increased tra parency, intense eiforts have been made at tie Government and diplomatic level to counter the propaganda war launched by Pakistan, while maintaining sustained pressure on tie militants in the State to contain violence an J create confidence among the people.

Setback in Jammu due to Resignation of Poll Officials

2594. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the election process initiated by Government in the State of Jammu and Kashmir has suffered a setback with the re-signation of poll officials;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for resignation of the poll officers; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Govern-ment for the completion of the election process in the State of Jammu and Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THS PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRf BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) V have been no resignations by any poll offii in Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) In view of (a), does not arise.

(c) Government are making efforts to promote conditions conductive to normalisat-ion and restoration of the democratic process and institutions in Jammu and Kashmir. Towards this end, steps are being taken to accelerate development works by securing people's participation, re-invigorate the local administration and enhance the cooperation and confidence of the people in the administrat-ion. With a view to proceeding towards the democractic process, work on delimitation of constituencies is being done and revision of electroral rolls has also been undertaken by the Election Commission.

Militant Activities in Doda

2595. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHA-PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pie;.s:d to state :

nether it is a fact that Doda in Jammu Region is si LH not a peaceful area;

(b) whether it is also a fact militants killed a local RIP leader on 6th June, 1994;

(c) whether it is also a fact that militants ■Ian is to force the minority community (Hindu) to migrrte from Doda Region; and

(d) what action Government have taken to safeguard the interest of minority ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (d) The situation in Doda is under control. The militants have tried to spread the arc of violence into the district and other parts of the Jammu region, and also 'o create communal tensions in the area. A local B. J.P. leader of Bhaderwah was killed by the millitants on 7th June 1994. The Government is alive to the situation, and is taking all necessary steps to contain the Activities of the terrorists and frustrate their designs, and to create a sense of security and confidence among the pcontc, including members of the minority community. The presence of security forces has been aug-mented, particularly in the sensitive, vulner-able and far-flung areas, anti-terrorist operat-ions have been stepped up, ex-servicemen have been recruited to strengthen the local police, and patrolling and vigilance on the LOC has been further intensified.

कश्मीरियों का पुनर्वास

2596. **श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय गृह मंत्री ने 21 मार्च, 1994 को जम्मू और कश्मीर के विकास के संबंध में जम्मू और कश्मीर के विभिन्न मंत्रालयों के साथ एक बैठक की थी ।

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उस बैठक में कश्मीर से आए कश्मीरियों के वहां पुनर्वास के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की थी, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और